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Scenery rivaling that of Japan, the South of France, and the Highlands of Scotland greets the eye of the visitor as he or she motors around the island. Panoramic views of exquisite touch—pictures no artist could paint—are awaiting the appraisal of the tourist's critical eye at every turn in the road.

At night the myriads of lights twinkle on the dancing wavelets casting a spell of wonder on the stranger to the fold. Here one sees a brilliantly illuminated building, there a moderately toned residential quarter — all dots of flame on the sides of a gigantic Christmas tree — both vying together in an unconscious attempt to impress on the visitor's mind a living memory.

Possessing one of the most beautiful natural harbours in the world Hong Kong has been rightly named The Gateway of the East. Pressure on space forbids us further praises of this island home of ours and we can only hope that the tourist will share our opinion after visiting the shores of the gem of the China Seas.

WE shall have to begin with a little history. In the first place, the two words Hong Kong mean "Fragrant Harbour"—it is not difficult to see why. Prior to 1841 there was no recognised name for the island. The anchorage at Aberdeen (a picturesque fishing village on the side opposite the Harbour) was known to sailors as Heung Kong. The Chinese characters representing that name may be translated by "Fragrant Stream" or "Fragrant Harbour." Another possibility rendering is "Heung's Harbour," the haunt of a notorious pirate named Heung.

Kowloon (the mainland opposite Hong Kong) is the anglicised form of the Chinese Kau Lung (nine dragons). This name is derived from the ridge of nine hills which form a rampart along the northern side of the harbour and seem to be guarding the approach to China. You may see them from your ship—quite plainly.

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The Old and the New
Few people can realise how great has been the change in the Island since the British administration. A book entitled "China," published in 1874, contains a chapter with the following heading: "Hong Kong, its position, prospects, character, and utter worthlessness from every point of view to Britain." To-day one laughs at that prophecy. However, when it was written there seemed reasons for such a fore-

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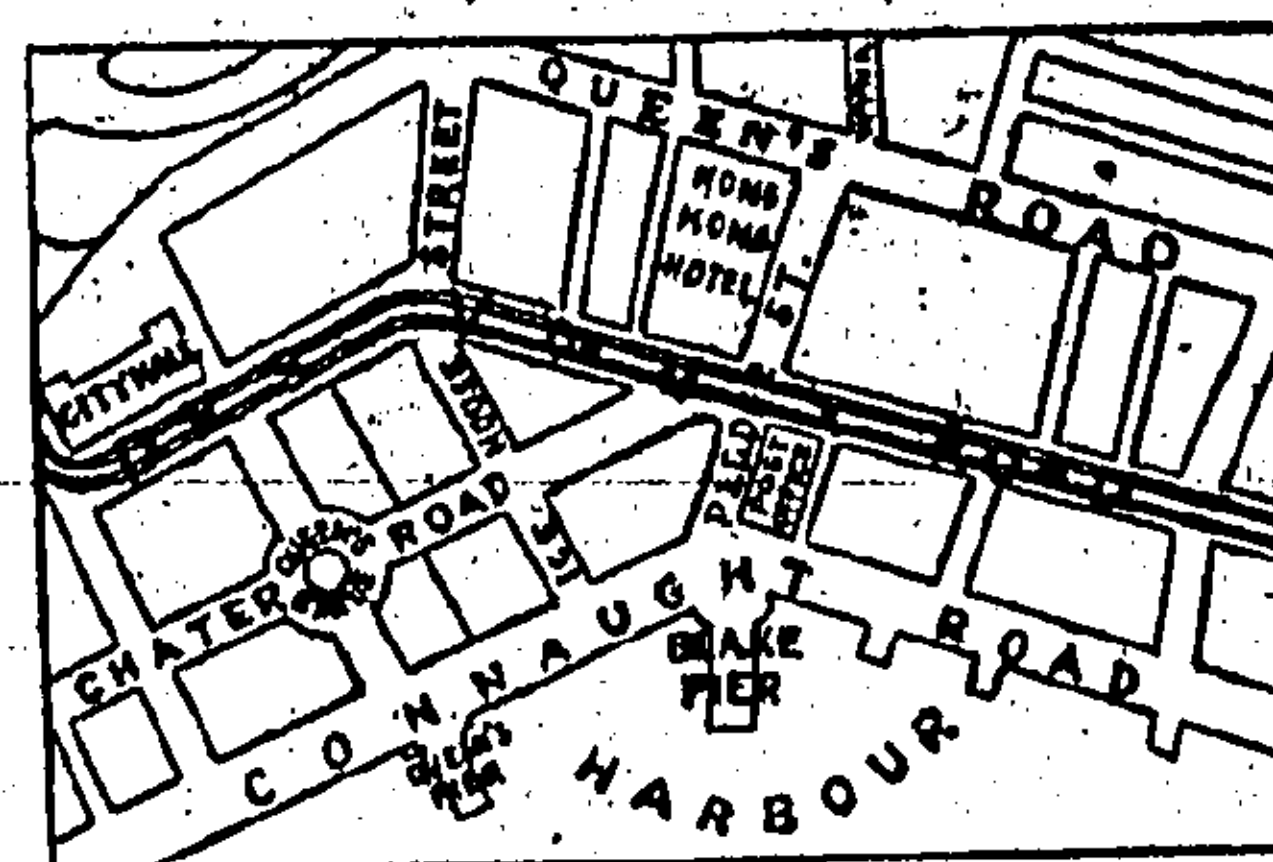
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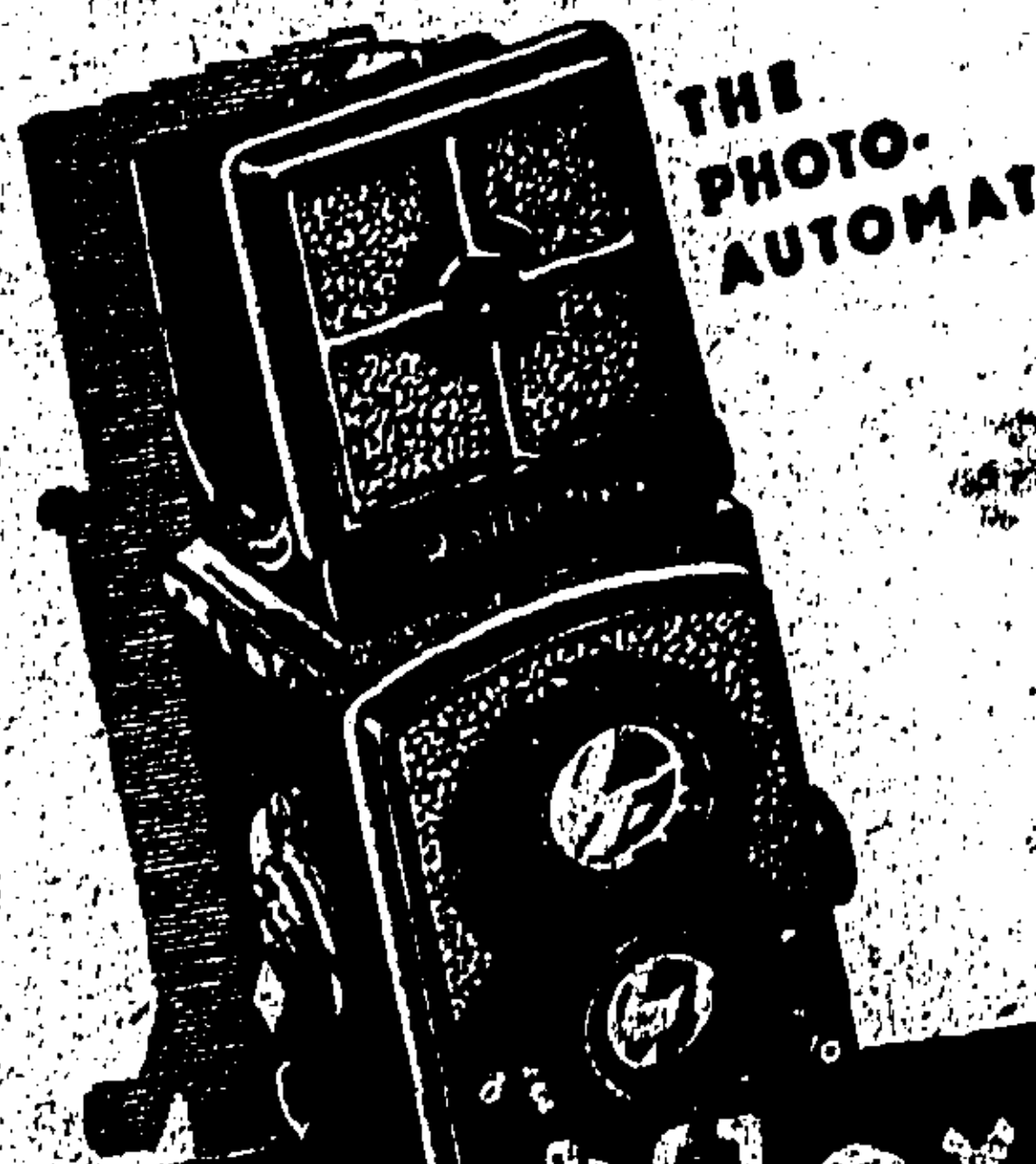
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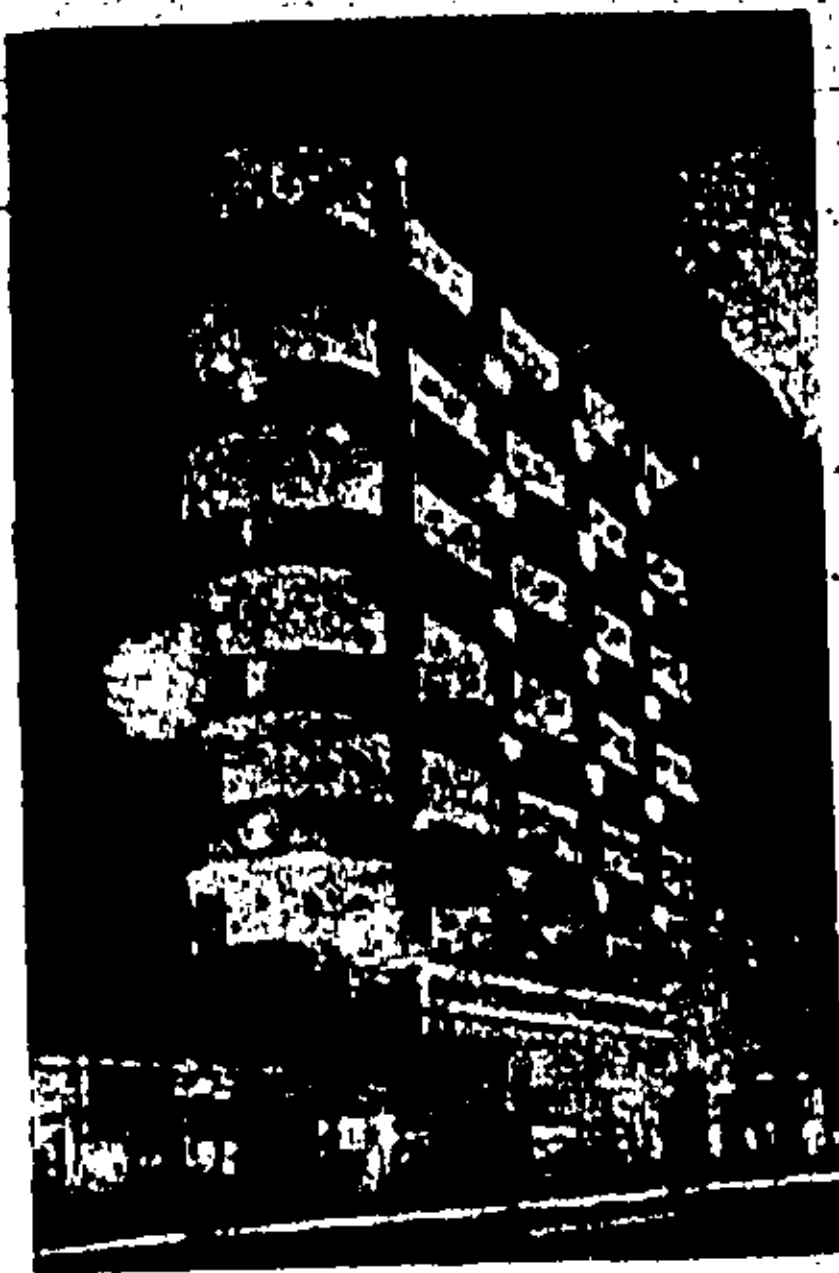
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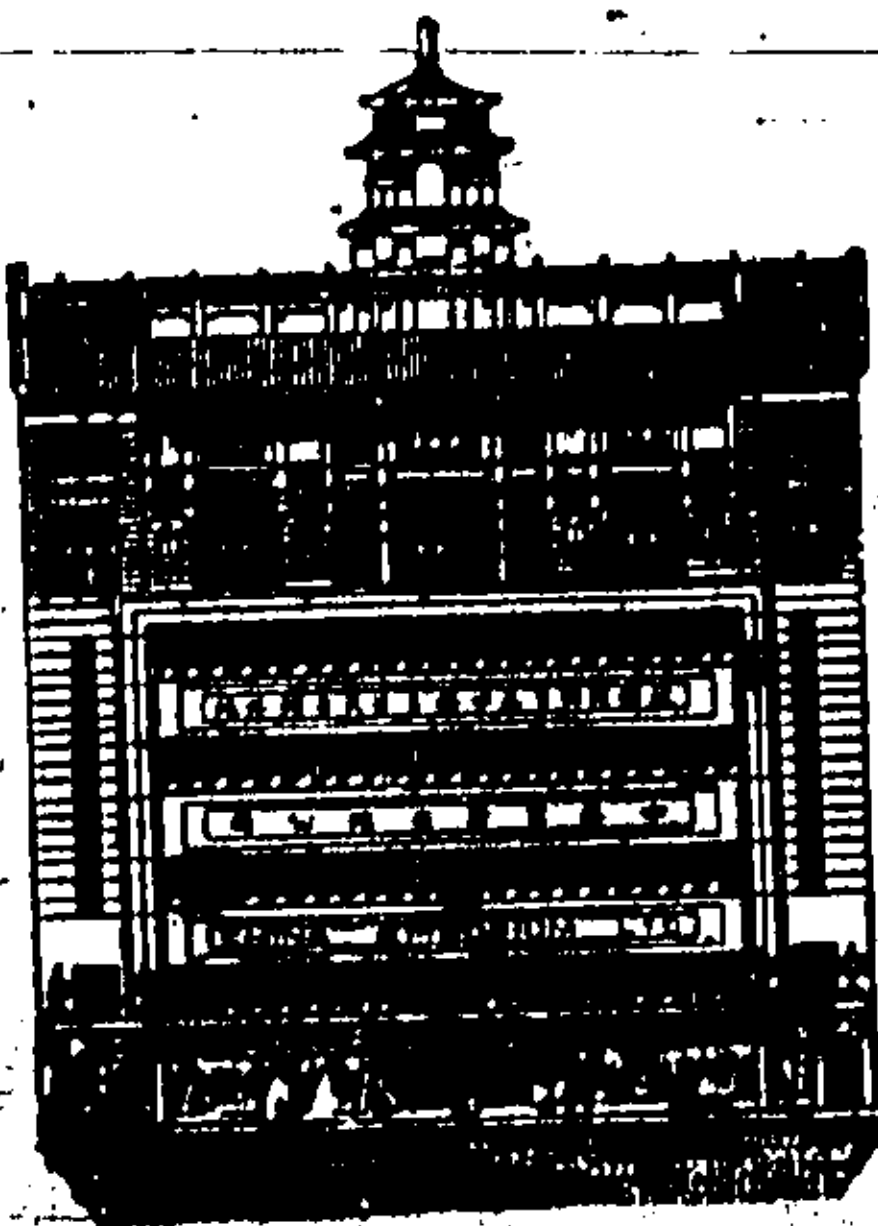
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PERHAPS your visit to the Far East is the culmination of long-cherished desires; the fulfilment of hopes that have increased with the years and the reading of books about the Orient. It is so with a great many people who sail into Hong Kong harbour on one of the great liners; they bring with them romantic ideas, and often go away with nothing but coloured beads, bits of jade, houri coats, and pieces of carved ivory. When asked about the fascination of the East they are rather vague. They found it so much like other cities so lacking in that colour they had been led to expect, that on the whole they were rather disappointed.

Quite Wrong

Of course, they are quite wrong. The East is fascinating, irresistibly so, even when you have lived in it for several years. In fact, the longer you live in it the harder is it to leave and to settle down elsewhere. There is romance to be found in the East, too, but great numbers of people will pass it by. It all depends on the way you look at things. You see just what you want to see; you never can see all that there is to be seen, even if you are the most perspicacious observer in the world. Hong Kong is one of the most beautiful places in the East; on a fine February day when the sea is blue as the Mediterranean and the azeleas are in bloom, it seems to combine the colourful warmth of the South of France with the delicate and mysterious enchantment of Japan. It is a

willow pattern land, peopled with quaint figures, strange customs, modernity flirting with the medieval, and eloquent with a queer assurance that it is different from and never will be the same as the West. You feel the Great Wall towering above you, shutting off the East things that are Occidental as effectively as if there were a real barrier.

Pirates and Smugglers

Your ship berths at Kowloon and you take the Ferry to Hong Kong. Nothing remarkable there, you may say. But odd raft will glide under your bows with a spread of tattered sail and each one, may be, could tell a tale of more adventures, thrills and mysteries than you will ever find in the pages of Conrad, or Jack London, or Lafcadio Hearn. Some are honest trading junks, bound for Singapore, or Saigon, or Hainan, with cargoes which you would not consider valuable—wood, oil, silk, sugar, or preserved ginger. Others come and go on mysterious journeys which may land them on a dangerous shoal or on the pirate's bed.

Romance of Trade

When you land you may go to the Hong Kong Hotel for luncheon (we call it tiffin out here) and meet very ordinary-looking business men solemnly engaged in a discussion on the dollar (the prevailing topic in Hong Kong now), and you may think that such sights may be seen every day in London, or Paris, or New York, or wherever you come from; and you may think that it was a pity to travel 15,000 miles or

so for that. Some of these people, however, own ships, and hotels, and commercial houses, and newspapers. The very rope that tethered your liner to the quay at Home may have come from their factories; great Chinese Generals may have settled a war in their hotels; the delicious preserved ginger, which your sister or cousin is eating at this moment in your Hometown may have been bottled in those attractive cherry blossom jars in Hong Kong. The East, while keeping a strict reserve and changing not one jot in essentials, is lending a hand to the great wheel of commerce, which turns the flow of food, materials, embroidery, and your kitchens.

Objects of Interest

In the streets you will find objects of interest that should always remain in your memories. You will find men in strange clothes, men in hardly any clothes at all, lovely girls in dresses that would make Bond Street, or Fifth Avenue or the Boulevard St. Germain stare with envy. You will find little temples hidden away in dark alleys; funeral and wedding processions which have not changed very much for hundreds of years, attended by pipers and little girls in weird head-dresses.

But this is only a tithe of what is to be seen. It is impossible to visit our Colony and go away with the feeling that your life has not been enriched with a new and wonderful experience. Let part of Caesar's dictum be your motto—"I came and saw."



The Peak Tram between Bowen Road & May Road Stations.

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boding for the place had an unenviable reputation for rainstorms, typhoons, pirates, poisoners, malarial, and dysentery, and in Britain contempt for the new Colony was expressed in the popular song, "You may go to Hong Kong for me."

Singular Beauty

To-day this formerly despised possession is one of the world's busiest ports and the admiration, without exception, of every visitor to its shores. From the sea, and especially from the magnificent harbour, which faces the capital, the general aspect of Hong Kong is one of singular beauty. The hills are generously planted with Japanese firs, and the streams, which are plentiful, are traced through the uplands and glens by a line of straggling brushwood and herbage. The hills, which are mainly composed of granite, rise in irregular masses to considerable heights, the loftiest point, Victoria Peak, adjoining the residence of His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, C.M.G.), reaching an altitude of 1825 feet.

There abound beautifully laid-out gardens, public and private, and solidly constructed roads, some of them bordered with bamboos and other delicately-fronded trees, and fringed with the luxuriant growth of semi-tropical vegetation. The temperature has a yearly range of from 45 to 99 degrees, but it occasionally falls below 40, and ice has been known to occur on the Peak.

The Shopping Centre

Naturally you will be interested to hear about the City and the wonderful shops, both European and Chinese, which attract the tourist from all parts of the world. The central areas of the City are well built, the roads and streets are for the most part admirably made and kept up and many of the thoroughfares delightfully shaded with well-grown trees. The European business quarter occupies the middle of the City, from Pottinger Street to the Naval Yard, but with the exception of this limited area almost all the lower levels, especially the western district, are covered by a dense mass of Chinese shops and tenements. On the mainland new industrial and residential areas are rapidly springing up.

For the lover of the by-ways, and for those seeking the unusual purchase (who does not?), we would suggest a trip that can be both interesting and profitable. Few

tourists, even many residents of the Colony, have heard of a district in Hong Kong called "Paddy's Market." The origin of the name is obscure—some enterprising Irishman was at the bottom of it, undoubtedly. This section of Hong Kong is said to resemble the remote shopping sections of old Peking, or possibly the "Thieves' Market" of Shanghai.

Round the Island

What has been well described as one of the most magnificent drives in the world is that by motor car round the Island. The route followed is from Queen's Road Central, thence into Garden Road, past Government House and the Botanic Gardens, along Calce Road, Bonham Road, past the University of Hong Kong, along Pokfulam Road, Aberdeen Road, and Repulse Bay, where a stop can be had for refreshments or the more enjoyable tiffin. Leaving Repulse Bay Hotel the journey is proceeded with to Stanley Bay, Tyntek Reservoir, and Sai Wan Gap and thence to Shaikwan. Within a short time Tai Koo Dock is reached, and from there it is a very short drive back to the original point of departure.

The entire drive covers a distance of 28 miles, but the scenery en route cannot adequately be described in mere prose. It has to be seen to be appreciated as it deserves. Next to the ascent and descent of the Peak it is a trip that no tourist should omit from his programme of sight-seeing.

Places of Interest

Statue Square and Cenotaph.
 Old Kowloon City.
 Paddy's Market—Hong Kong.
 Chinese Theatres (K'o Shing, Tai Ping and Lee recommended).
 Botanical Gardens.
 Hong Kong University.
 Peak Tramway to Peak Hotel.
 Happy Valley Race Course and Recreation Grounds.
 Anglican Cathedral Grounds.
 Recreation Grounds.
 Walks along Bowen and Kennedy Roads.
 Man Mo Temple—Hollywood Road.
 Tyntek Reservoir.
 Aberdeen Fishing Village.
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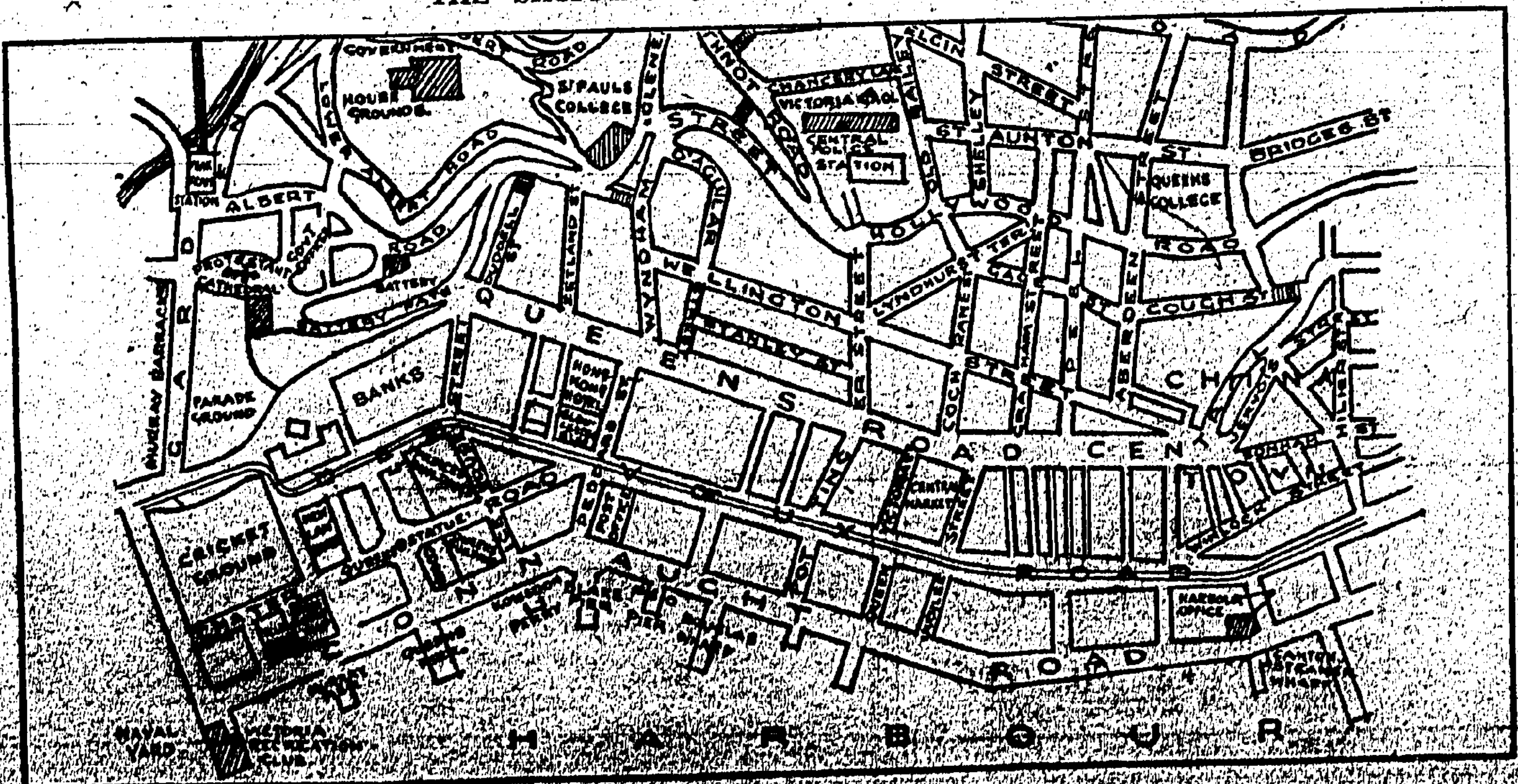
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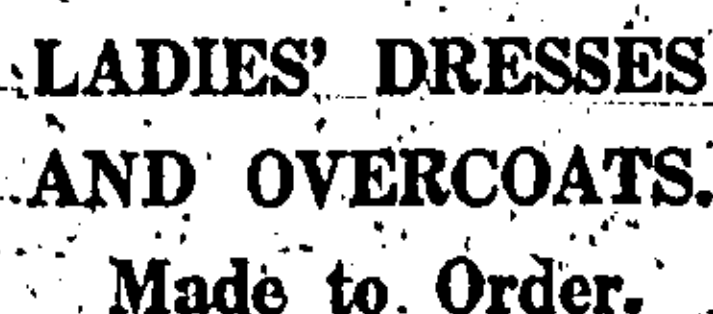
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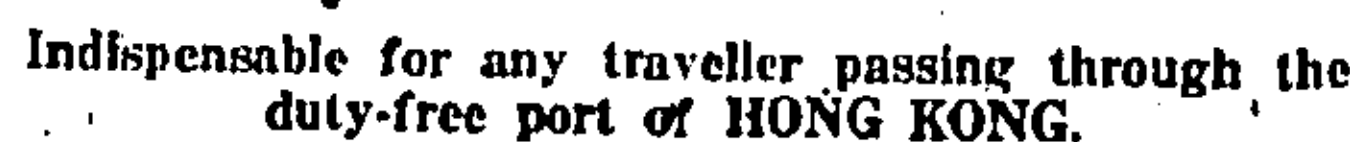


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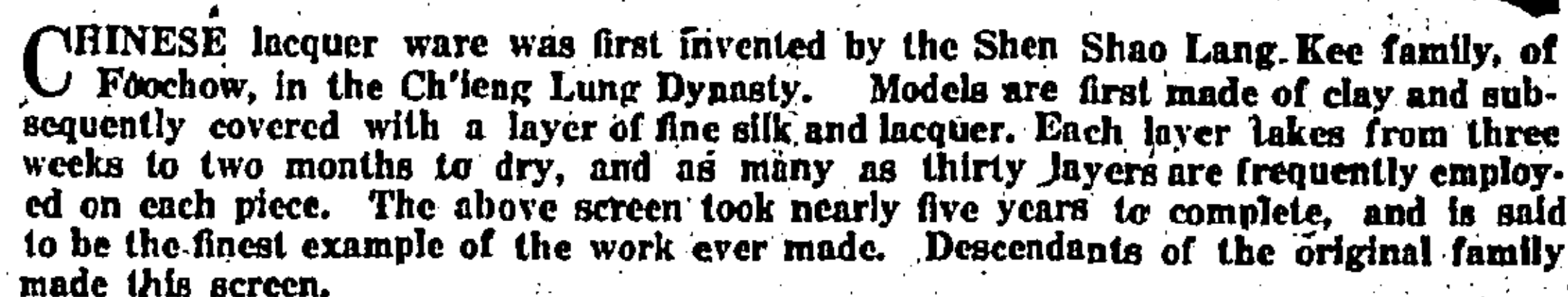
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one stands outside Taipei Market and looks along the causeway. It is possible to rush them by boldly scaling and dropping down the far side of the Patain Range but it is a little arduous—indeed more than a little.

It turns and turns up a long sheltered valley and then again rather unexpectedly swings off for a moment sharp left to a higher and even more marked cutting. This is an important point as great care must be exercised if one is to avoid taking a wrong turn.

It enters the district and to whom votive offerings are still made at the little shrine at the entrance to the glade. Ascending to the main path above and continuing one comes to a bridge spanning a tributary just as it enters the main stream flowing away from the Dragon's Pool.

The best, certainly the pleasantest method of attack is from the police station just beyond Wa Hung and not very far short of Sha-tau-kok. We return to our train (if we have not missed it) and continue on to Faaling Station. In the old days the light railway made a pleasant means of reaching the breaking-off place—not that it was any cleaner or less fly haunted than the present buses but one could sit on the little platforms outside and dangle one's legs perilously near the ground.

taking the wrong path. The road that continues on seems the better one but after half a mile or so it dwindles to nothing. The real path does not look so good as the one followed up to the point but it continues fair and one cannot really miss it if one's senses are on the alert, as the cutting for which we are making is very clearly seen on the skyline a little to the left. From now on can be no mistake. The going is good until we enter the glade of Ching MI (named in honour of Sir Cecil Clementi).

away from the Dragon's Pool.

Sir Cecil Clementi was responsible for this bridge being built many years ago.

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Here the road parts and continues on or bending slightly right. The road to the right takes one through Ching Mi village and so to the top pool (erroneously called by some the Dragon's Pool).

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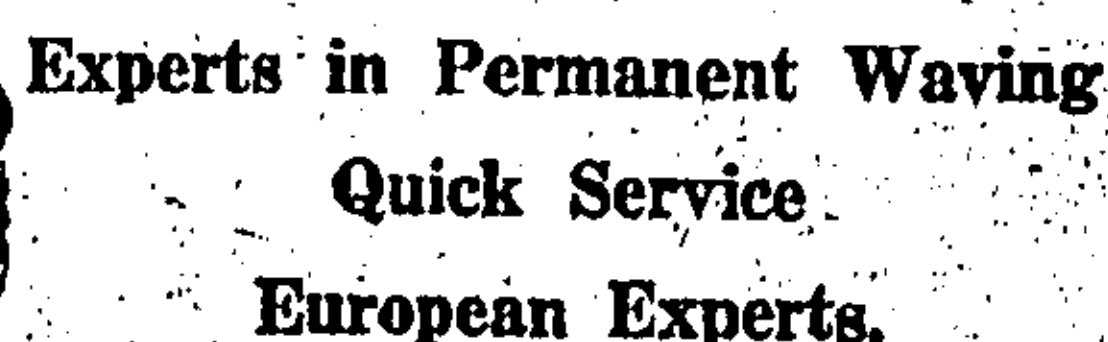
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More than 50 persons were present, including the high officials of the Austrian police, and toasts were offered to Mr. De Klyn Young, guest of honour and to the Chinese police-guests.

High officials and a police battalion of honour were at the station to bid the Chinese police officers good-bye.—Reuter.

Found lying sick in Canton Road near Shantung Street yesterday, Li Hing, aged 46, was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

1934.—The work consists of the completion of the Laboratory Wing. No work will be permitted, on Sundays.

For Form of tender, specification and further particulars apply at this Office.

MONEY CHANGERS HELD UP.

Six Chinese Arrested
Carrying Arms.

Six Chinese were arrested yesterday in Yaumati in connection with two daring robberies which were committed on money changers' shops in Yaumati on March 11 and 18.

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